

Amendments to the Claims

In the claims, please cancel, without prejudice, claims 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 20.

1. (currently amended) A lighted line comprising
an elongate flexible wire-formed light source capable of generating laterally radiating
light having an elongate flexible translucent sheathing extending thereabout,
an electrical power source operatively connected to said light source adapted to energize
said light source, and
an elongate flexible covering extending about said light source, said covering comprising
an elongate rope having an axially extending opening through which said light source extends
axially and constructed to permit light radiating from said light source to pass therethrough.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The line of claim-4 1, wherein said rope comprises a braided
rope. ~~having an axially extending opening through which said light source extends.~~

6. (currently amended) The line of claim-4 1, wherein said covering further
comprises an elongate flexible translucent tube having a central bore through which said rope
and light source extend.

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (original) The line of claim 1, wherein said light source comprises an electroluminescent light source and said electrical power source comprises a battery electrically connected through an inverter to said light source to provide alternating current to said light source.

10. (currently amended) The line of claim 1, wherein said ~~cover rope~~ comprises an elongate flexible braided rope ~~through which said light source extends axially, said rope~~ having light passages extending between braided strands in the rope to permit light to pass therethrough.

11. (original) The line of claim 1, wherein the light source comprises multiple elongate light source segments coupled together in end-to-end configuration with each light source segment having a visual characteristic different from the segment adjacent thereto.

12. (original) The line of claim 11, wherein said visual characteristic is color.

13. (original) The line of claim 11, wherein the light source segments comprise electroluminescent light source segments which are electrically connected in series to be energized by a single power source.

14. (original) The line of claim 1, which further comprises a first connector coupled to one end of the line and a second connector coupled to the other end of the line.

15. (original) The line of claim 14, which further comprises a third connector mounted on said line for sliding movement along the line intermediate the first and second connectors.

16. (original) The line of claim 14, wherein a connector comprises a snap lock connector adapted to permit connecting a person to the line.

17. (currently amended) An elongate lighted lifeline comprising an elongate flexible wire-formed light source capable of generating laterally radiating light having an elongate flexible translucent sheathing extending thereabout, an electrical power source operatively connected to said light source adapted to energize said light source,

an elongate flexible covering extending about said light source, said covering comprising an elongate rope having an axially extending opening through which said light source extends, and constructed to permit light radiating from said light source to pass therethrough, and a first connector coupled to one end of the covering and a second connector coupled to the other end of the covering.

18. (currently amended) The lifeline of claim 17, wherein said rope comprises a braided rope, ~~covering comprises an elongate braided rope having an axially extending opening through which said light source extends.~~

19. (currently amended) The lifeline of claim 17, wherein said covering comprises an elongate flexible translucent tube having a central bore through which said light source and rope extends.

20. (canceled)

21. (original) The lifeline of claim 17, wherein said light source comprises an electroluminescent light source and said electrical power source comprises a battery electrically connected through an inverter to said light source to provide alternating current to said light source.

22. (currently amended) The lifeline of claim 17, wherein said ~~cover~~ rope comprises an elongate flexible braided rope ~~through which said light source extends axially, said rope~~ having light passages extending between braided strands in the rope to permit light to pass therethrough.

23. (original) The lifeline of claim 17, wherein the light source comprises multiple elongate light source segments coupled together in end-to-end configuration with each light source segment having a visual characteristic different from the segment adjacent thereto.

24. (original) The lifeline of claim 23, wherein the visual characteristic is color.

25. (original) The lifeline of claim 23, wherein the light source segments comprise electroluminescent light source segments which are electrically connected in series to be energized by a single power source.

26. (original) The lifeline of claim 17, which further comprises a third connector mounted on said line for sliding movement along the line intermediate the first and second connectors.

27. (original) The lifeline of claim 26, wherein a connector comprises a snap lock connector adapted to permit connecting a person to the line.

28. (original) The lifeline of claim 17, wherein said light source is capable of producing light throughout a major portion of the length of the lifeline.

29. (original) The lifeline of claim 17, wherein said light source is capable of producing light in a substantially continuous line throughout a major portion of the length of the lifeline.

30. (new) A lighted line comprising
an elongate flexible wire-formed light source capable of generating laterally radiating light having an elongate flexible translucent sheathing extending thereabout,
an electrical power source operatively connected to said light source adapted to energize said light source, and
an elongate flexible covering extending about said light source, said covering comprising an elongate tension-resisting member extending about said light source constructed to permit

light radiating from said light source to pass therethrough, and an elongate flexible translucent tube having a central bore through which said tension-resisting member and light source extend.

31. (new) The line of claim 30, wherein said light source comprises a bulbless lighted wire.

32. (new) The line of claim 30, wherein said light source comprises an electroluminescent light source.

33. (new) The line of claim 30, wherein said light source comprises an electroluminescent light source and said electrical power source comprises a battery electrically connected through an inverter to said light source to provide alternating current to said light source.

34. (new) The line of claim 30, wherein the light source comprises multiple elongate light source segments coupled together in end-to-end configuration with each light source segment having a visual characteristic different from the segment adjacent thereto.

35. (new) The line of claim 34, wherein said visual characteristic is color.

36. (new) The line of claim 34, wherein the light source segments comprise electroluminescent light source segments which are electrically connected in series to be energized by a single power source.

37. (new) The line of claim 30, which further comprises a first connector coupled to one end of the line and a second connector coupled to the other end of the line.

38. (new) The line of claim 37, which further comprises a third connector mounted on said line for sliding movement along the line intermediate the first and second connectors.

39. (new) The line of claim 37, wherein a connector comprises a snap lock connector adapted to permit connecting a person to the line.